

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed October 5, 2004.

In the Office Action dated October 6, 2003, the Examiner indicated the allowability of Claims 1-5, 7-11, 13-19, 21-27, and 29-37 and objected to informalities of Claims 2, 4, 10-11, 13-19, 21-27, 29-33, and 35-37.

Applicants have addressed the objected to informalities, and thus all claims are now in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of the Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Although no fees are believed to be currently due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kurt M. Pankratz', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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